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Oakland House,
Victoria Road,
West Hartlepool.
17th May 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stockton Rural District Council.

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Pneumonia	5	"
German Measles	1	"
Measles	47	"
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	"
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	"
Totals	59	1

The points to be noted are the widespread epidemic of measles which occurred in the early months of the year. Fortunately the cases were of a mild type, and there was not a single death.

It is many years since there have been so few cases of scarlet fever as in 1943, or since the total number of removals of infectious disease was only one.

Another feature on which we are to be envied is that we have not had a single case of piphtheria. It would appear that the intensive efforts to protect our young population by immunisation are now paying a handsome dividend. This dividend is in actual money as well as in health, as the cost of hospital treatment for diphtheria cases has frequently amounted to several hundred pounds.

As a large proportion of the children were immunised during our specific campaigns, our new cases are relatively few in number pretty well corresponding to the number of births in the previous year. Twenty cases were immunised in 1943.

Fever Hospital Arrangements:-
All fever cases requiring isolation are admitted to West Hartlepool Isolation Hospital.

Ambulance Facilities are satisfactory. We have the choice of a municipal ambulance for fever cases, and the A.R.P. or various private ambulances for other emergencies.

Water supply:- Part of your district has the boon of a mains supply, and the less populous areas depend on wells. No cases of shortage or impurity occurred during the year.

Closet accommodation, Public Cleansing, Camping Sites, and eradication of bed bugs are dealt with in your Sanitary Inspector's report.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
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D.P.H. (Cam.)

Harland House,
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STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1943

Gentlemen,

I have the honour now to be able to present to you my report for 1943.

POPULATION: The resident population for the year 1943 was estimated at 6,876 in comparison to 7.056 for 1942.

BIRTHS: The number of live births was 102 (56 male & 46 female) and there were 4 stillbirths (3 male, 1 female)
The birth rate was 15.4 per 1000 population. In 1942 it was 16.02 per 1000.

DEATHS: There were 102 deaths, including 19 inward transfers. The inward transfers are in regard to people whose home is in the Rural District and who have died elsewhere. There were 52 male and 50 female deaths. On the estimated population of 6,876, this gives an Annual Death Rate of 14.08 per 1000 population as compared with 12.08 in 1942.

Of those deaths the largest incidence was from

Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	7 (4 males 3 females)
Cancer...	7 (3 males 4 females)
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	15 (6 males 9 females)
Heart disease.	18 (8 males 10 females)
Bronchitis	9 (4 males 5 females)

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Pneumonia	4 (3 males) 1 female)

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